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In re Application of:

Draney et al.

Serial No.: 10/690,174

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INCLUDING PLANARIZATION

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Examiner: W. Brewster

Group Art Unit: 2823

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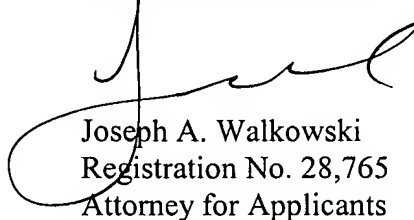
Sir:

Applicants submit herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,715.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

Also enclosed are Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance; and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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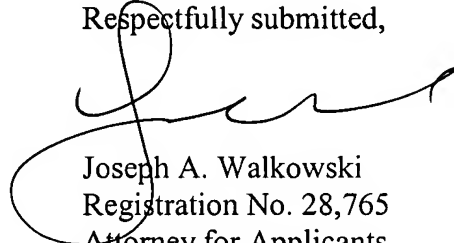
The Examiner indicates:

[the features of claim 1, lines 4-13 including applying a layer of second material to cover the peaks fill in the valleys, to provide a surface of lesser roughness, bonding the second material, removing the second material until the second material and the first material comprising the peaks are concurrently exposed, and thereafter removing the first material and the second material at substantially equal rates cannot be found in the prior art of record.]

Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary, and are exemplary and not limiting. However, the independent claim as allowed

includes other and different language than that specified by the Examiner, and the allowed dependent claims include other and further patentably distinct features and elements. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

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